

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application, as amended.

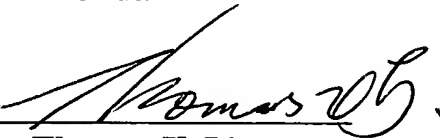
The Patent Office has sent a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. In it, the Patent Office indicated that the amendment document filed on January 21, 2004 (1) does not contain a complete list of current claims; (2) the listing of claims does not include the text of all claims; (3) each claim has not been provided with proper status identifier; and the Amended claims are not on separate sheets.

In the claim amendment presented above, applicant respectfully submits that the above-mentioned objections have been overcome.

In view of the amendments and arguments set forth herein, it is respectfully submitted that the applicable rejections and objections have been overcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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